

# ad astra

.. SCIPIO TO HANNIBAL ..

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## EPISODE 8: BATTLE OF TREBIA

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There's nothing I hate more than adding boxes over texts. I'd rather put text over text than cover the art in such a way. I had to do that in pages 6-7. I'm sorry about that. The kind of redrawing required for those pages exceeds my skills and it would have looked messy if I simply typeset over the raw text.

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# BATTLE OF TREBIA

CARTHA-  
GINIAN  
CAMP

ROMAN  
CAMP



● NUMIDIAN CAVALRY  
△ ROMAN CAVALRY  
□ ROMAN INFANTRY

THE NUMIDIAN  
CAVALRY'S  
TRYING TO  
SCATTER US  
WHILE ESCAPING  
TO THE OTHER  
SIDE OF THE  
RIVER!

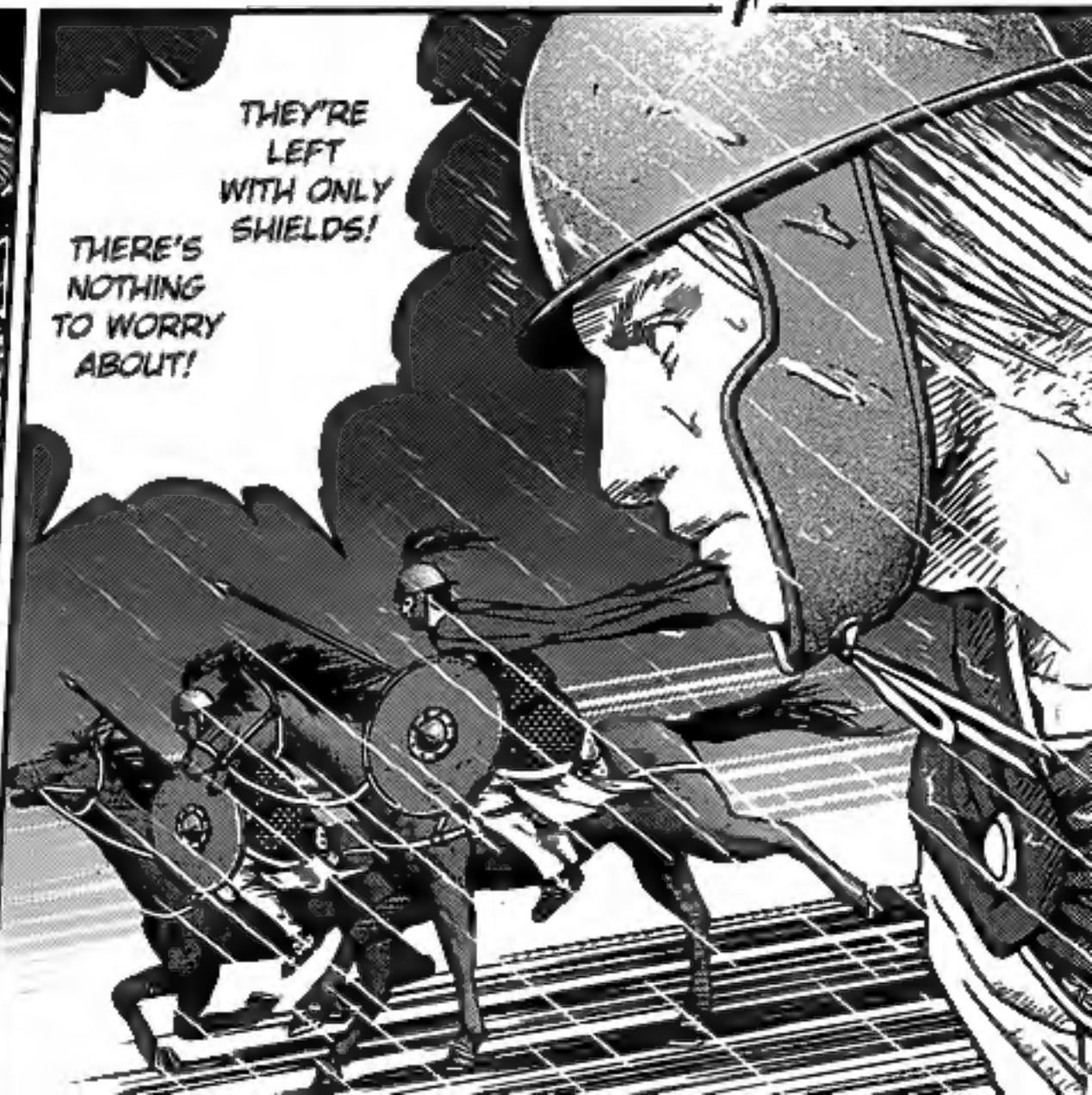
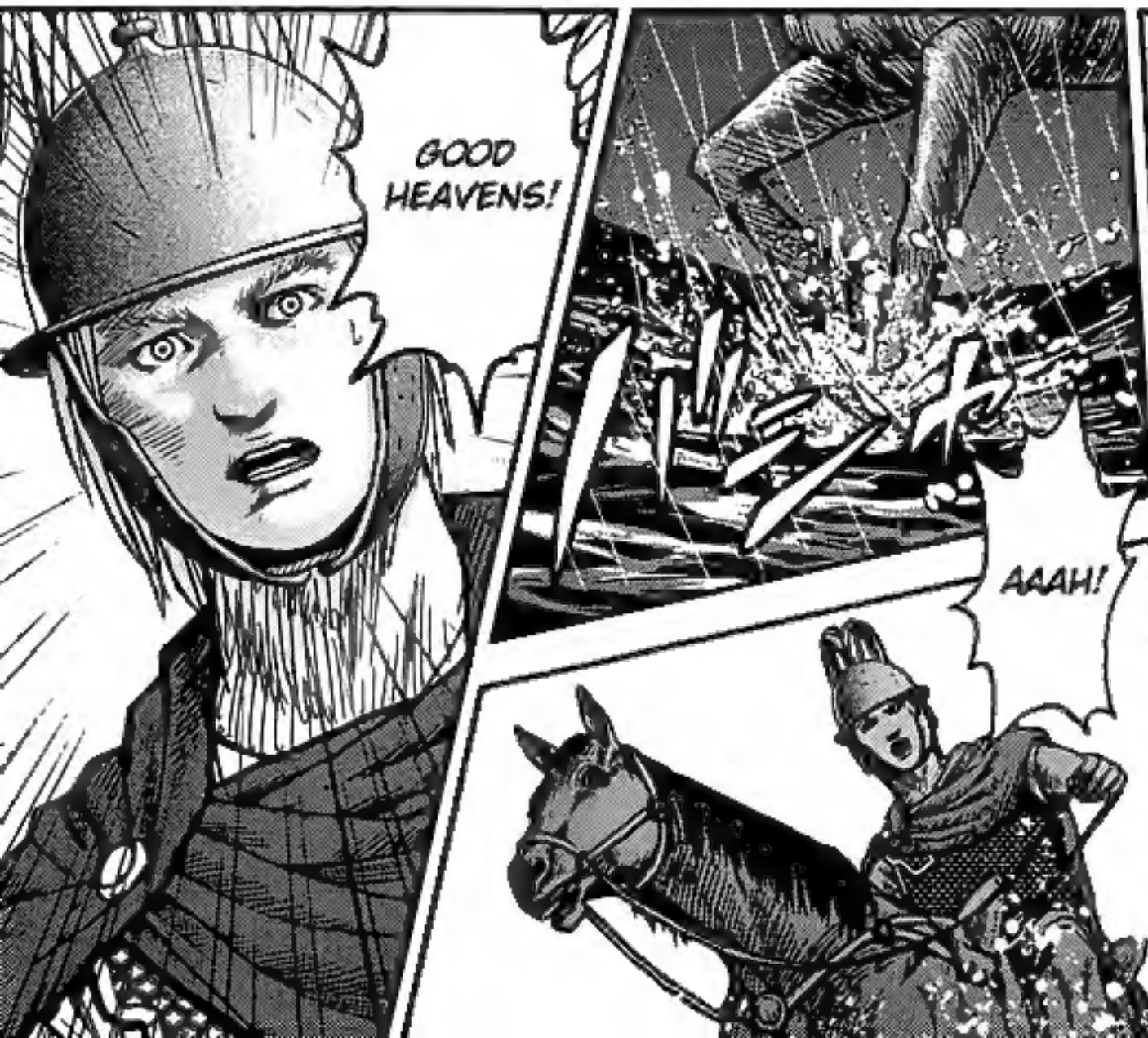
I WANT  
ALL TROOPS  
AFTER  
THEM!

執政官センプロニウス  
率いるローマ軍だが!?

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ad astra  
スキピオとハンニバル









COME ON,  
SCIPIO, MOVE  
FORWARD!

THEY'RE  
ALMOST  
WITHIN  
RANGE!

THE WATER...  
IT'S FREEZING!



THE WATER'S  
TOO COLD!



THE RIVER'S WATER LEVEL  
KEEPS RISING BECAUSE OF  
THE RAIN. IF THEY KEEP  
GOING THROUGH THE RIVER  
LIKE THIS, THE LEGIONARIES  
WOULD BE RUNNING AGAINST  
CHEST-HIGH WATER.

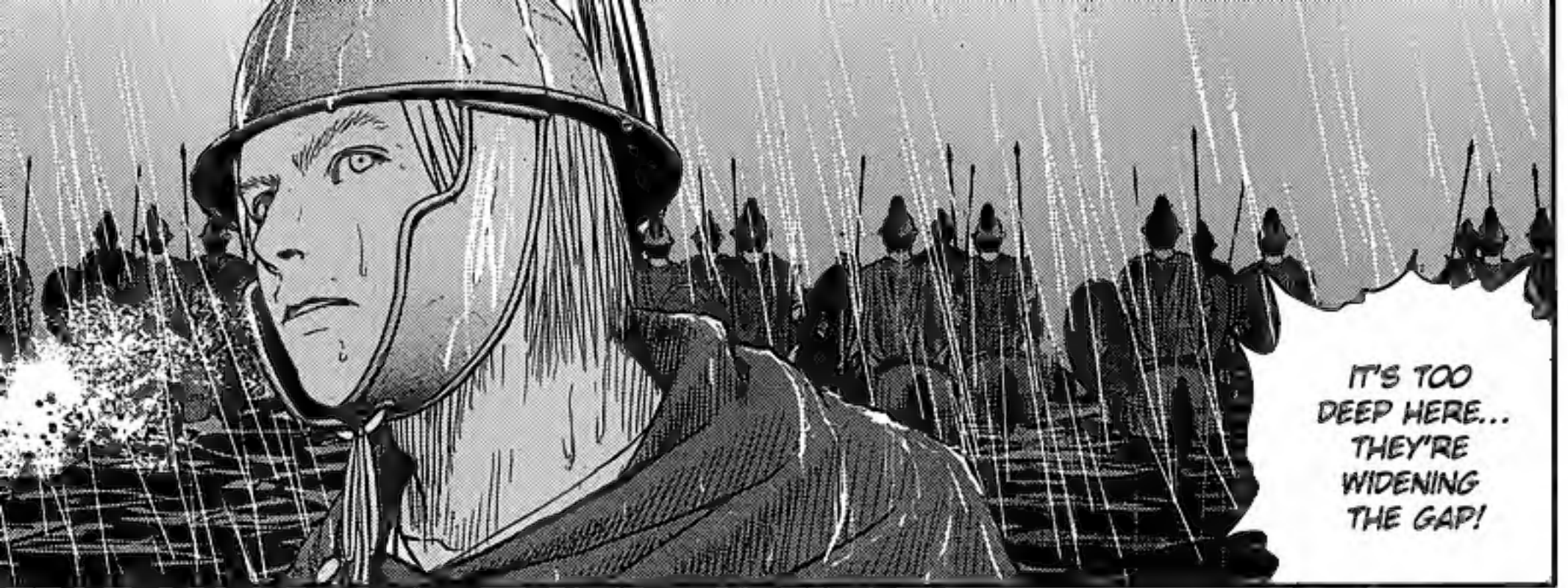
IT'D BE A GRAVE  
MISTAKE TO  
CONTINUE MOVING  
FORWARD...



GAH...

THIS IS  
INSANE...  
YOU CAN'T  
POSSIBLY  
HAVE US  
CROSS THIS  
RIVER?!





IT'S TOO  
DEEP HERE...  
THEY'RE  
WIDENING  
THE GAP!

AND THEIR  
NUMBED  
MUSCLES WILL  
MOST LIKE  
REFUSE TO  
OBEY THEM.

BUT THE  
INFANTRY WILL  
BE SOAKED TO  
THE SKIN IN THIS  
FREEZING WATER,

THE CAVALRY  
WON'T SUFFER  
FROM THIS  
CROSSING...



ALL THAT HANNIBAL  
HAD TO DO WAS TO  
CHALLENGE A COM-  
MANDER EAGER  
FOR GLORY AT A  
CONVENIENT TIME

WITH ONLY A  
LITTLE WATER...



THIS PLAN  
IS PRIMITIVE,

BUT ITS EFFICIENCY  
IS FORMIDABLE!



A black and white comic book illustration depicting a Roman legion wading through a river. The soldiers are wearing traditional Roman military gear, including helmets with crests and carrying large, round shields. They are holding long spears. The water is splashing around them, and the scene is set against a backdrop of reeds and a dark sky. The illustration is split into two panels by a vertical line. The left panel shows a group of soldiers wading, while the right panel is a close-up of a soldier in the foreground, looking determined and holding a spear. A speech bubble is located in the upper right of the right panel.


36 000  
INFANTRYMEN:  
THE PRIDE OF  
THE ROMAN  
ARMY

OUR  
ENEMY  
IS ABOUT  
TO NEL-  
TRELIZE





AND THE  
PLEBEIANS,  
HAVE YOU  
NOT BEEN  
TAUGHT  
MANNERS  
TOWARDS  
A CONSUL?!



PATRICIANS,  
HAVE YOU  
NOT LEARNED  
HOW TO  
GALLOP?

WHAT  
ARE YOU  
WAITING  
FOR?! THE  
ENEMY'S  
ALREADY  
ON THE  
OTHER  
BANK!

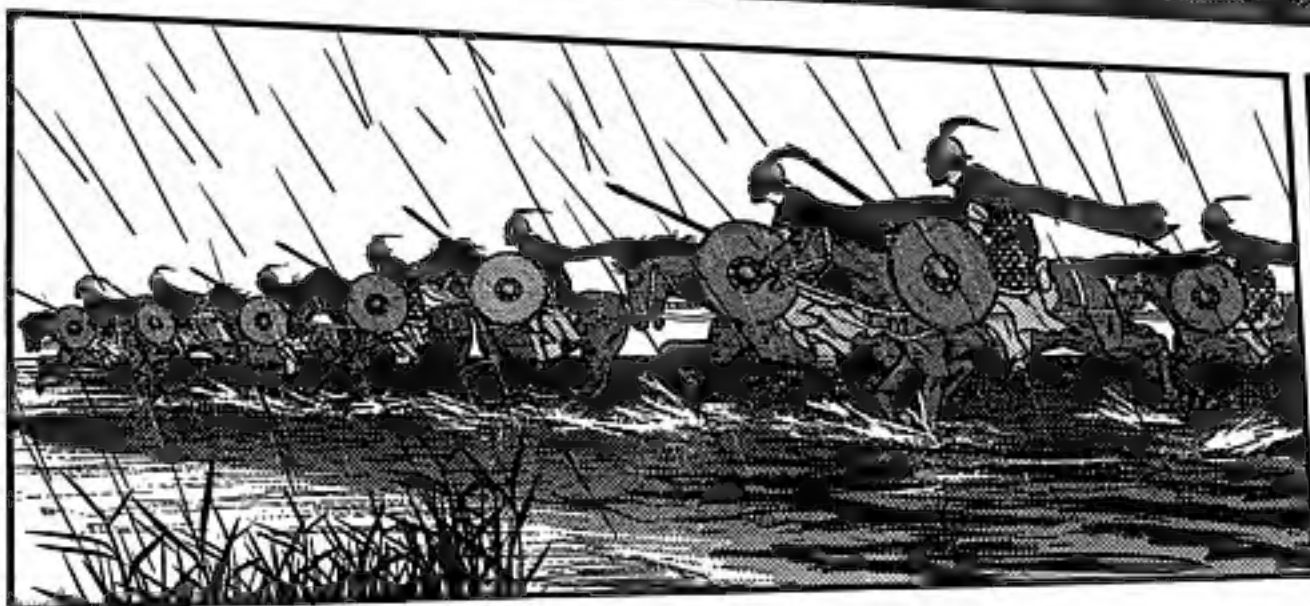


HIS MANEUVER IS  
LITTERLY MINDLESS...

HIS EYES ARE TOO  
FOCUSED ON THE ENEMY  
AND BLIND AMBITION THAT  
HE DOES NOT SEE THE  
IMPENDING DANGER...


THIS IDIOT IS  
ANTAGONIZING  
HIS MEN...

DOESN'T HE REALIZE  
THAT HE HAS  
ALREADY FAILED?



DON'T  
LET THEM  
ESCAPE,  
YOU  
GUTLESS  
MAGGOTS!

THEY'RE  
FALLING  
BACK!



AT THIS RATE,  
OUR FORCES  
WILL BE  
EXHAUSTED

BEFORE HANNIBAL  
EVEN UNVEILS HIS  
FULL STRATEGY!





THEY TOOK THE  
BAIT WITH MORE  
ENTHUSIASM THAN  
ANTICIPATED...





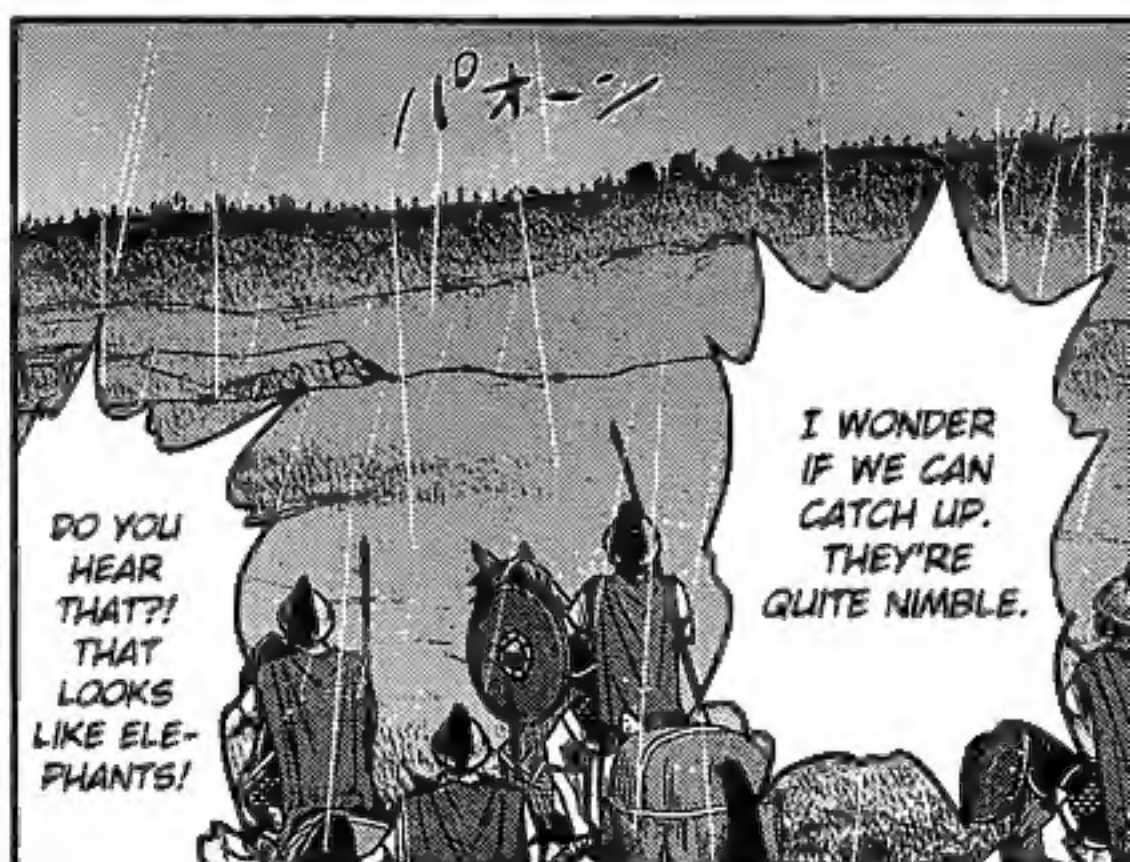
GOOD WORK,  
MAHARBAL!

MISSION  
ACCOMPLISHED!  
THEY THREW  
THEMSELVES  
IN LIKE ONE  
MAN...



IF THEY  
DECIDE TO  
ATTACK, IT'LL  
GET UGLY!

I SEE  
AT LEAST  
THREE...



DO YOU  
HEAR  
THAT?!  
THAT  
LOOKS  
LIKE ELE-  
PHANTS!

I WONDER  
IF WE CAN  
CATCH UP.  
THEY'RE  
QUITE NIMBLE.



WHAT'S  
WRONG,  
SCIPIO?



AH...

YES, WE  
SHOULD...

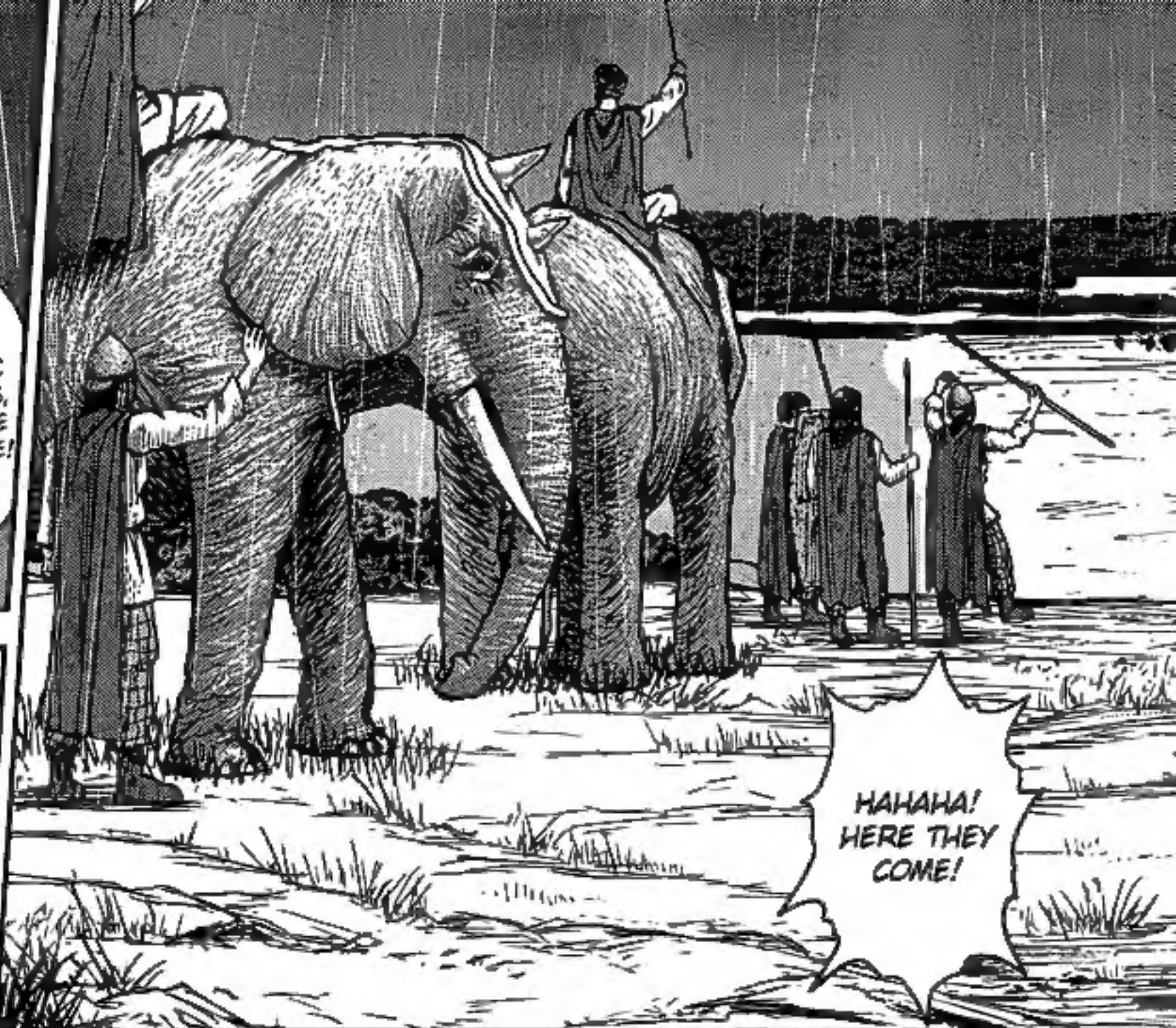
SHOULDN'T  
WE START BY  
WARNING THE  
CONSUL,  
SIR?!





BALEARIC SLINGERS, FORM THE FIRST LINE!

THE REST, KEEP YOUR POSITIONS!



HAHAHA! HERE THEY COME!



...?  
!?



THEY'RE TRYING TO INTIMIDATE US BUT IN ANY CASE...

WE'RE TOO FEW TO DO ANYTHING! COME ON, WE'RE RE-TREATING...





NOW!

RAISE  
YOUR  
SHIELDS,  
QUICKLY!





AAA  
AAH!

AAAH!



H...HOW CAN  
THEY REACH  
US? WE'RE  
MORE THAN  
A STADIUM\*  
AWAY!

PROTECT  
THE  
INJURED!  
WE MUST  
RETREAT!

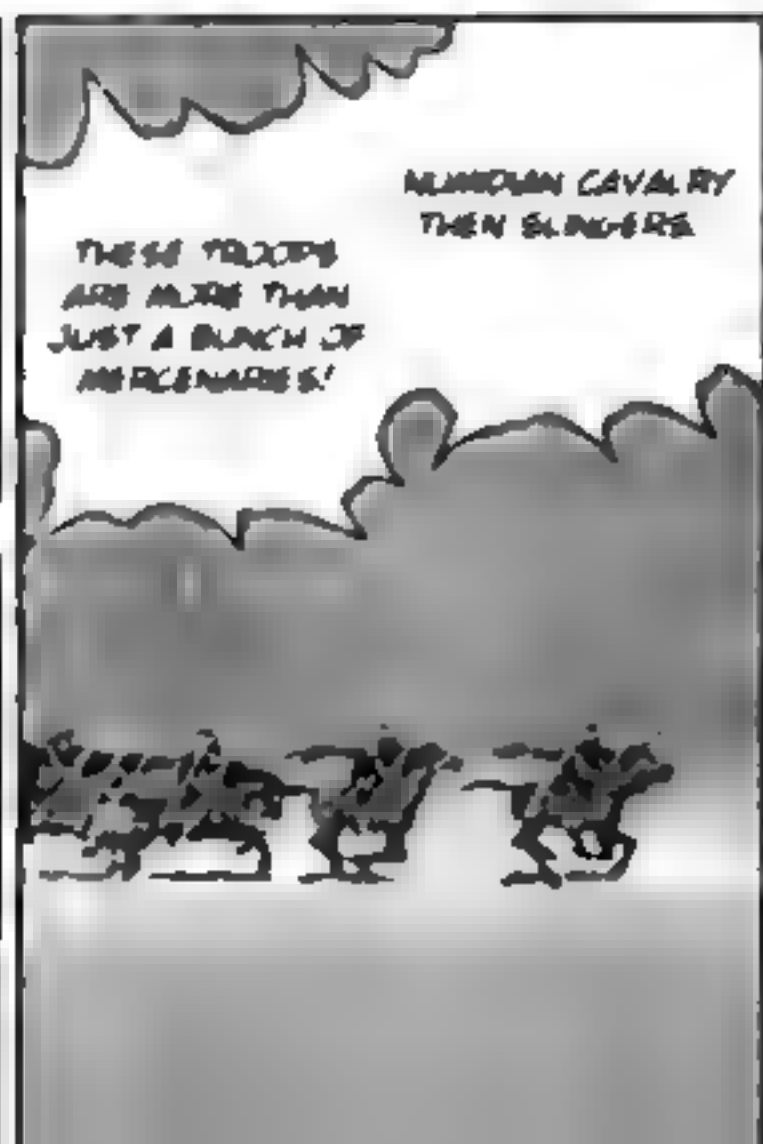
\*AROUND 180 METERS.



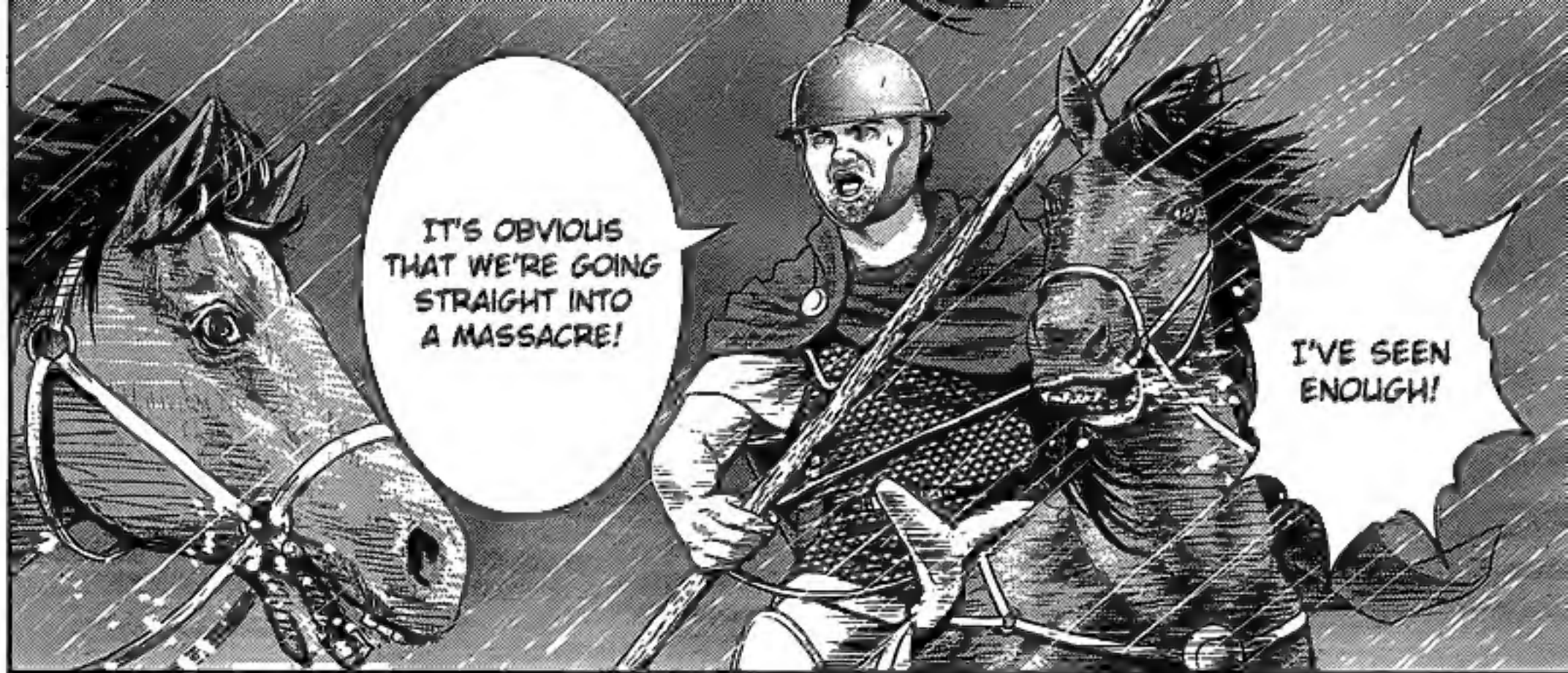
ARGH!

V  
F  
F  
Z



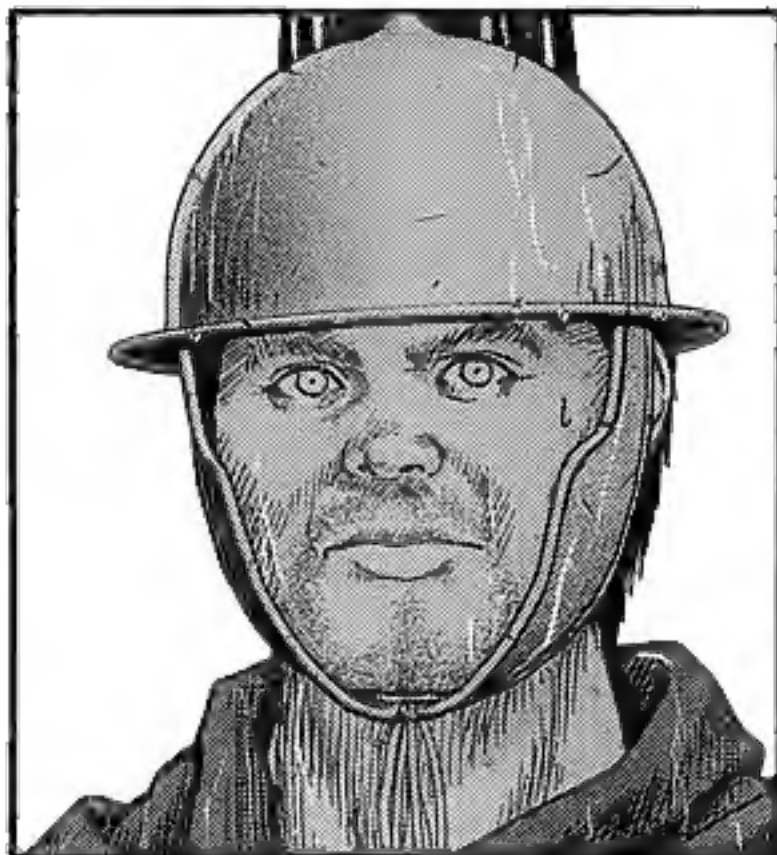






IT'S OBVIOUS  
THAT WE'RE GOING  
STRAIGHT INTO  
A MASSACRE!

I'VE SEEN  
ENOUGH!



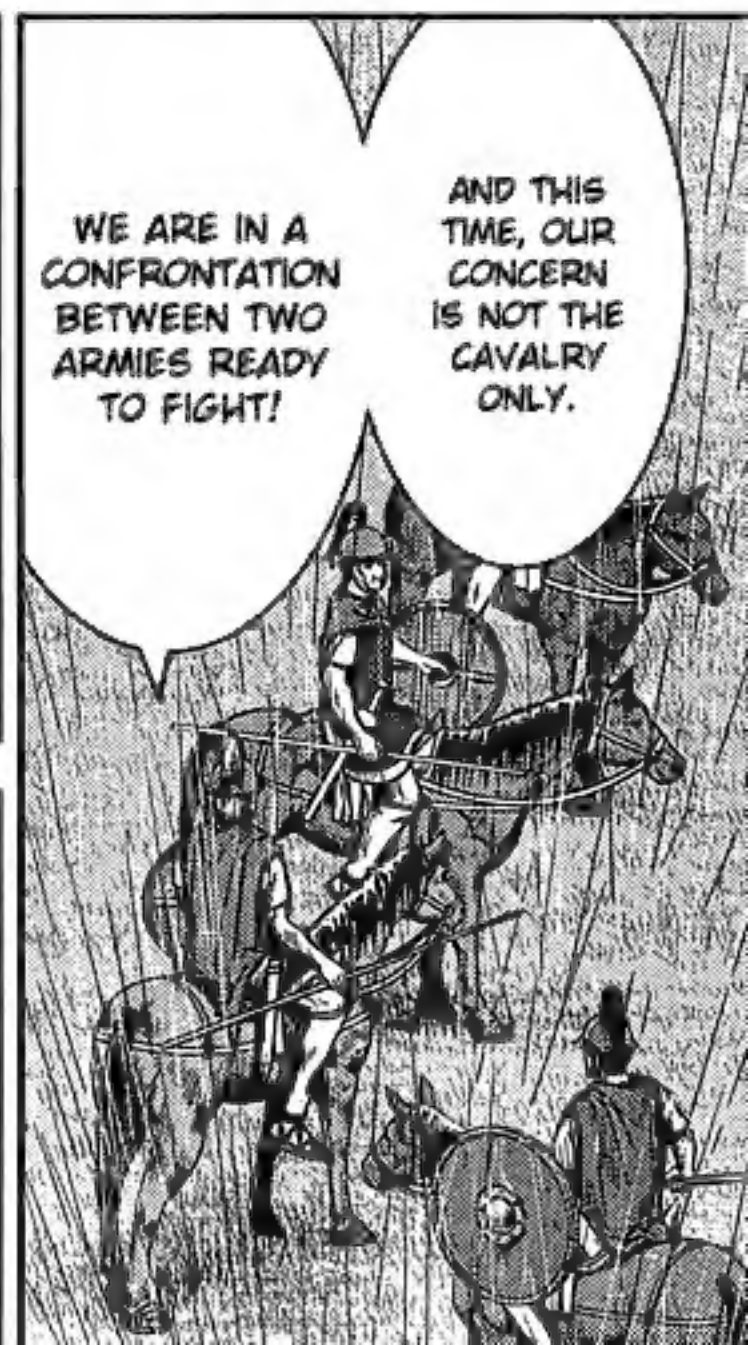
YOU ONLY  
REALIZED  
THAT NOW?

THIS BATTLE HAS  
BEEN LOST SINCE  
THE MOMENT WE  
GAVE IN TO THEIR  
PROVOCATIONS.



IN ORDER  
TO SIDE WITH  
HANNIBAL!

IF WE LOSE  
TODAY, ALL  
THE GAUL  
PEOPLES WILL  
DEFECT FROM  
ROME



WE ARE IN A  
CONFRONTATION  
BETWEEN TWO  
ARMIES READY  
TO FIGHT!

AND THIS  
TIME, OUR  
CONCERN  
IS NOT THE  
CAVALRY  
ONLY.







WE'LL  
HAVE TO  
SURVIVE  
SOME-  
HOW!

NOW  
THAT  
WE'RE  
HERE,



IF HE  
WAS, DO  
YOU REALLY  
THINK HE  
WOULD HAVE  
SENT US TO  
THIS MESS?

LONGUS  
MUST BE  
AWARE OF  
THE DANGER!



IT'S UP TO  
US TO FIGHT  
BRILLIANTLY SO  
THAT THE GAULS  
WILL HESITATE  
TO JOIN THE  
ENEMY!

OUR DEFEAT  
IS SEALED BUT  
NOT EVERY-  
THING IS LOST...



NO, NOT  
EVEN  
AN IDEA  
OF ONE!



GOOD  
GRIEF...

THEN,  
SHUT  
UP AND  
THINK!



WE CAN DETACH  
FROM THE MAIN  
BODY OF THE  
TROOP TO ACT  
FREELY.

OUR CAVALRY  
MAY BE  
FRAGILE,  
BUT IT IS  
ALSO FLUID.

ARE YOU  
SAYING YOU  
HAVE A PLAN?





IT IS TIME TO  
MOVE TO THE  
OFFENSIVE!

LOOK, MY  
BRAVE MEN!  
BAAL, GOD  
OF HEAVEN...

IS SENDING  
US A SIGN!

RAIN IS  
TURNING  
TO SNOW...





